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Steve Jones is a partner in the firm's Real Estate, Environmental & Energy Law (REEL) Group focusing on all aspects of construction law, including contract drafting, negotiation, arbitration and litigation.

His experience includes drafting and negotiating contracts on behalf of developers, public and private owners, contractors, subcontractors, architects, engineers and design-builders. Steve has also prosecuted and defended numerous construction related disputes including mechanic's lien actions in various forums including litigation, arbitration, mediation and private judge litigation. As a civil engineer, Steve is also knowledgeable in the technical aspects involved in many construction disputes.

Prior to joining Ice Miller, he served for three years as general counsel for a large Indiana steel fabricator. As a result of this experience, Jones is intimately familiar with the construction process.

He earned his Bachelor of Science in civil engineering from Purdue University in 1994. He received his juris doctor from the Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis in 1998.

Steve Jones is admitted to practice law in the state of Indiana.

Education

- Purdue University (B.S., 1994)
 - Civil Engineering
- Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law (J.D., 1998)

Admissions

- Indiana

Professional Affiliations

- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Indiana State Bar Association

Services & Industries

- Construction
- Real Estate

- Chair, Construction & Security Law Section, Indiana State Bar Association, 2023 - present
- Chair Elect, Construction & Surety Law Section, Indiana State Bar Association, 2020 - 2023
- Vice Chair, Construction & Surety Law Section, Indiana State Bar Association, 2018 - 2020
- Secretary, Construction & Surety Law Section, Indiana State Bar Association, 2016 - 2018
- Member, Government Affairs Group of the Indiana Construction Roundtable Foundation, 2015 - 2018
- Board Member, Mentor Protégé Board of the Indiana Construction Roundtable, 2014 - 2018
- Treasurer, Construction & Surety Law Section, Indiana State Bar Association, 2014 - 2016
- Member, Steering Committee, Go Build Indiana, 2014 - 2015
- Member, Education & Seminars Committee Construction & Surety Law Section, Indiana State Bar Association, 2010 - 2016

Awards & Honors

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Litigation – Construction, 2024-2026; Construction Law, 2025-2026; Real Estate Law, 2026

Community Involvement

- Member, West District YMCA Board, 2006-2012, Strong Kids Campaign Chairman, 2008 - 2009

Success Stories

Ice Miller Celebrates Construction Milestone at Indianapolis International Airport Hotel Topping Off Ceremony Marks Major Step Toward 2027 Opening

Members of Ice Miller's Public Finance team joined leaders from the Indianapolis Airport Authority (IAA) and The Indianapolis Local Public Improvement Bond Bank to celebrate a major construction milestone on Thursday, May 14, as they joined the topping off ceremony for the new Westin Indianapolis International Airport Hotel — a significant project financed with bonds on which Ice Miller served as bond counsel.

Ice Miller's Role in Indiana Financing

Ice Miller partners Tyler Kalachnik and Amy Corsaro, along with Senior Counsel Philip C. Genetos, were on hand at Indianapolis International Airport to celebrate the occasion, which signifies the completion of the building's structural framework and a pivotal step toward the hotel's anticipated opening in December 2027.

Ice Miller served as bond counsel to the Indianapolis Airport Authority (IAA) and The Indianapolis Local Public Improvement Bond Bank on the financing of the project which included:

- Issuance of three revenue bond series totaling \$293.6 million to fund in part this transformational project
- Funding backed entirely by general airport revenues
- No taxpayer dollars used

Project Overview: Enhancing the Airport Experience

The 253-room Westin Indianapolis International Airport Hotel will connect directly to the IND terminal parking garage, offering travelers seamless airport access.

Key property features include:

- A full-service restaurant

- A seventh-floor bar and lounge with panoramic airfield views
- Approximately 10,000 square feet of meeting space
- A fitness center
- Dedicated parking with valet service

In addition to improving the traveler experience, the project is expected to:

- Generate 1500 construction jobs, and roughly 140 permanent jobs to help operate the hotel upon opening,
- Further strengthen the airport's role as an economic engine for Central Indiana.

A Unique Legal Structure

The project presented a unique legal challenge requiring an innovative financing approach.

1. Ice Miller's team navigated extensive negotiations with both the hotel franchisor, Marriott, and the operator, Wischermann Partners, ensuring compliance with federal tax law, regulations and guidance.
2. Avoiding private activity bond classification was critical, as private activity hotel bonds are not tax-exempt.
3. By structuring the bonds as general-purpose obligations, Ice Miller helped the IAA:
 1. Preserve the tax-exempt status of the financing
 2. Deliver meaningful savings
 3. Utilize a financing structure that provided a comparably lower interest rate than taxable financing

The Attorneys Involved in the Project

The matter was led by [Amy Corsaro](#), with support from [Philip C. Genetos](#), [Tyler Kalachnik](#), [Veronica Hubartt](#), [Susan Price](#), [Audrey Howard](#) (Litigation), and [Steven Jones](#) (REEL) — demonstrating the cross-practice collaboration Ice Miller brings to [complex public finance engagements](#).

Published In

- "Know SIR (Self-Insured Retention)," *Building Excellence Magazine*, May 2017
- ["The Impact on Indiana Counties following the repeal of the Common Construction Wage Statute and the enactment of New Public Works Requirements," Indiana News 92, September/October 2015](#)

Speaking Engagements

- Public Works Projects for the Indiana Structural Engineers Association, March, 2022
- Accelerate Indiana Municipalities on Public Bidding, August 25, 2020
- Inviting Quotes on Smaller Dollar Public Works Projects, IASBO Facilities Conference & Expo, September 26, 2019
- The Use of Construction Manager as Constructor on Indiana Public Works Projects, IASBO 2018
- The Use of Construction Managers at Risk on Indiana Public Works Projects, 2016 Indiana State Bar Association Annual Meeting

- “Changes to the Common Construction Wage Statute” at the Aviation Association of Indiana’s Annual Meeting, October 2015
- Project Delivery Methods for the Indiana Construction Roundtable’s Mentor Protégé Quarterly Training Session, March 2014
- Guest lecturer, Purdue University, CE 524 "Legal Aspects in Engineering," Spring 2012
- Indiana Stadium and Convention Building Authority's Training Workshop on Construction Overview, November 2007
- Construction Contracting and Lien Enforcement in Indiana, January 2006
- Building a Foundation for Managing Complex Construction Law Issues in Indiana, December 2005